




REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 1-5, 7-9, and 11 are allowed. The Examiner rejected claims 6 and 10 under 35 USC §102. The claims have been amended to correct typographical errors and to further clarify the subject matter being claimed. Claims 6 and 10 have been cancelled to expedite allowance of the pending claims. New claims 12-17 have been added. Claims 1-5, 7-9, and 11-17 are now pending. Applicant reserves the right to reintroduce claims of the same or similar scope as the cancelled and amended claims in a subsequent continuation application.

An early Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited. If there are any issues remaining which the Examiner believes could be resolved through either a Supplemental Response or an Examiner's Amendment, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Applicants hereby petition for an extension of time which may be required to maintain the pendency of this case, and any required fee for such extension or any further fee required in connection with the filing of this Amendment is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0388 (Order No. CISC212).

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